

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 14, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters; Mary Ann Beard Auditor in attendance. Attorney Leigh Morning was absent.

Commissioner Ken Masters called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with the addition of the approval of the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to be included on a motion by Mark Bacon and a second by Ken Masters.

The minutes of the Special Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. At that meeting Ken Masters moved to replace the chiller that cools the courthouse. Mr. Masters rescinded that motion with Commissioner Levi seconding the action. Motion carried.

### **BLUE RIVER COMMUNITY HARVEST**

Kathy Gipson representing Blue River Community Harvest Inc. requested that roads be closed in Carthage for the annual 5K run on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ken Masters moved to approve the request and Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

### **TREASURER**

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the monthly report for June comparing the figures with that of June of 2013. Humphrey reported seventy properties on the Tax Sale list and 30 personal property taxpayers receiving demands for delinquent taxes.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Commissioner Levi received a Master Gardeners Award from Carole Yeend for distributing 30 bags of mulch on the courthouse flower beds.

### **EMS**

EMA director Chuck Kemker invited the Commissioners to the Vibrant Response 2014 Exercise at the Indiana Government Center South on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kemker informed the board that the courthouse generator requires the replacement of two new batteries at \$139 each and fuel needs to be added.

### **CLERK**

Clerk Debbie Richardson requested the Commissioners to sign a contract with KNOW.Ink for 15 electronic poll books. Mark Bacon moved to approve the contract upon approval of the county attorney. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

## **ECDC**

John Mc Cane, ECDC director asked the Commissioners to table the Pioneer TIF resolution until additional information can be obtained. Ken Masters moved to table the resolution to a future date. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McCane reported that corrections to the Milroy TIF have been recorded and submitted to the Auditor. Phase I of the Cherry St project was awarded \$4.6 million which will include the environmental and right of way work for the entire project. The North Industrial Park is still scheduled for completion in October and Work Ready Communities are continuing to reach their goal. Mr. McCane commended EMA director Chuck Kemker and the CERT team for their assistance with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and security at the amphitheater.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Ken Masters moved to sign the organ transplant supplement of the county's health insurance contract. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton, notified the commissioners that the 1<sup>st</sup> Covered Bridge, Bridge #94 is in need of repairs. Bids will be advertised on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and opened on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Ken Masters moved to proceed with the process and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The new Underground Storage Tank fund has been established as a non-reverting escrow fund. Sitton was granted permission to continue to carry lease payments in his 2015 budget to purchase 4 tandem and 2 single axle trunks on a motion by Mark Bacon and a second from Ken Masters. Bids will be advertised in late August or September.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported the inmate count is down to 31.

## **AUDITOR**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard reported that preliminary budget figures reflect the need to cut \$325-\$350 from the proposed 2015 budget.

- Run reports were presented for Anderson Township Fire and Raleigh Fire Department.
- A bond was signed for Melissa Fizer on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

## **JAIL STUDY COMMISSION**

The Commissioners are forming a Jail Study Commission to be co-chaired by County Councilmen Charles Smith & Marvin Hedrick. The Commissioners are seeking three residents from the county to serve along with selected county officials.

## **APC APPOINTMENT**

Ken Masters resigned as the Commissioner representative to the APC. Resignation accepted on a motion by Bruce Levi and a second by Mark Bacon.

Ken Masters moved to appoint Mark Bacon to the APC board. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

Mark Bacon moved to pay the payroll claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Ken Masters offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor